

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for reversible fixing of a tool to an end of an implantable element, when fitting a dental prosthesis, the method successively comprising:

reversible fixing of a hollow intermediate connecting part onto an external complementary part of the ~~tool~~, tool; and

positioning of the tool equipped with the hollow intermediate connecting part on the end of the implantable element until the hollow intermediate connecting part clips onto an external complementary part of the implantable element.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The A device for implementation of a method for reversible fixing according to claim 1, for reversible fixing of a tool to an end of an implantable element when fitting a dental prosthesis, wherein the device includes including a~~ hollow intermediate connecting part comprising:

fixing means for fixing the hollow intermediate connecting part in reversible manner onto an external complementary part of the tool; and

clipping means designed to clip onto the external complementary part of the implantable element, so as to enable reversible fixing of different types of tools in different types of implantable elements.

3. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 2, wherein the fixing means include at least one groove formed in the internal wall of the hollow intermediate connecting part and designed to cooperate by clipping with a salient peripheral rib on the tool.

4. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 3, wherein the groove is delimited by at least one rim arranged at one end of the hollow intermediate connecting part,

the rim being designed to cooperate by clipping with an external groove formed at the end of the implantable element.

5. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 3, wherein the clipping means include a second groove formed in the internal wall of the hollow intermediate connecting part and designed to cooperate with an external rib formed at the end of the implantable element.

6. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 2, wherein the fixing means include screwing means.

7. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 2, wherein the hollow intermediate connecting part is made of plastic.

8. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 2, wherein the hollow intermediate connecting part is made of metal and includes slots designed to make it deformable.

9. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 8, wherein the slots are T-shaped.

10. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 8, wherein the slots are parallel to the-a longitudinal axis of the hollow intermediate connecting part.

11. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 8, wherein the slots are oblique with respect to the axis of the hollow intermediate connecting part.

12. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 2, wherein the hollow intermediate connecting part includes a metal part and a plastic part.

13. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 2, wherein the hollow intermediate connecting part includes an opening passing through the-a surface thereof in a direction parallel to the longitudinal axis.

14. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 2, wherein the hollow intermediate connecting part includes spigots salient towards the inside of the hollow intermediate connecting part.

15. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 2, wherein the implantable element is chosen from the group comprising a dental implant, an intermediate pillar and a die.

16. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 2, wherein the tool is a placing tool for placing the implantable element.

17. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 2, wherein the tool is a transfer part.